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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Nobuya MATSUOKA, et al.

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/926,469, filed November 8, 2001, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP00/03015, filed on May 11, 2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY

Japan

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11-131108

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May 12, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed

☒ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP00/03015, filed on May 11, 2000. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

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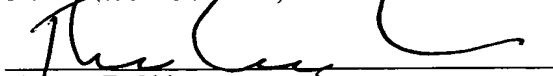
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